(b) if so, the reasons for delay in arriving at a decision in the matter and by when the same is likely to be taken and communicated to the state Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information on the matter is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacancies in Regulatory and Appellate Tribunals

3615. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in regulatory and appellate tribunals, that are required to be filled still; and

(b) the details thereof, including the duration for which each vacancy is existing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Judicial activism

3616. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, while containing the rising Dudicial activism, is contemplating measures that would promote and strengthen the system of checks and balances which is - envisaged by the Constitution, for a healthy growth of our democracy;

(b) if so, the details of measures proposed and by when these would be implemented; and

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Judiciary is independent in India and enjoys wide powers of judicial review. However, the three organs of state have, by and large, functioned within their respective domains maintaining the doctrine of checks and balances.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Disposal of cheque bounce cases

t 3617. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that additional burden is increasing on courts due to cases filed in respect of cheque bounce matters;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering or proposes to make any alternative arrangement in this regard;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.